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Honorable Richard Lamm Governor of Colorado Denver, Colorado, 80203

Dear Governor Lamm:

I appreciate very much your taking the time to discuss with me the status of cleanup of portions of the Rocky Flats site. I am particularly pleased that you have agreed to a deferral of cleanup until a fairly detailed environmental assessment of the proposed cleanup and related activities can be evaluated. As I had mentioned to you on the telephone, I think it is extremely important that ERDA take very deliberate and considered steps to this cleanup including a review of the various options for cleanup and recovery of the area to a utilizable condition. It is my hope that the environmental assessment, which would basically constitute a plan for action, will be adequate enough so that for this rather minor action an environmental impact statement would not have to be prepared since such preparation would require considerably more time.

ERDA welcomes the opportunity to work with the State of Colorado in connection with our activities at the site. I will keep your office informed from time to time of the progress on the environmental assessment and the actions which we propose to take as a result of it. In addition, our onsite people at Rocky Flats will continue to work closely with personnel of the Colorado Health Department so that you may be kept informed on a regular basis of our activities.

If I can provide additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jahes L. Liverman Assistant Administrator

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